

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2405 - SB 2476**

March 28, 2002

#### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Prohibits lowering of 22 identified lake reservoirs more than 30 feet of full pool level, except in state or national declared disaster or emergency.
- Establishes a civil penalty of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$7,500 per day for violations of an agency that violates or fails to comply with the provisions of the bill or any order, rule, regulation or adopted standard.
- Requires the district attorneys general in the various districts of the state, or the attorney general of the state, upon the request of any citizen of the state of Tennessee, to bring an action for damages, action for a restraining order or temporary or permanent injunction, against any entity violating or threatening to violate any provisions of the bill.
- Establishes a Class C misdemeanor for any person or agency that falsifies any records, information, plans specifications, data or reports required to make determinations under this chapter.
- Authorizes the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation to promulgate rules and regulations.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenues - Less Than \$100,000**

**Increase State Expenditures - Less Than \$100,000**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes:

An increase in expenditures for district attorney generals to investigate and to bring actions for violations of the provisions contained in the bill.

An increase in state revenues from the collection of penalties from violations of this act.

Local government impact depends upon the number of person convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

For information purposes, federal agencies manage and control the reservoirs covered under the provisions of the bill.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director